

THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

In the Matter of the Application of  
LUFTHANSA TECHNICK AG, Petitioner, for  
an Order Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1782 to Take  
Discovery, Pursuant to the Federal Rules of  
Civil Procedure, of Respondent PANASONIC  
AVIONICS CORPORATION for Use in  
Foreign Proceedings, with ASTRONICS  
ADVANCED ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS as  
Intervenor.

CASE NO. C17-1453-JCC

ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on Petitioner's motion to seal (Dkt. No. 71) excerpts of deposition testimony (Dkt. No. 72).

"[T]here is a strong presumption of public access to [the Court's] files." W.D. Wash. Local Civ. R. 5(g)(3). The presumption of public access may be overcome if the Court finds a compelling reason to seal and articulates a factual basis for its decision. *Kamakana v. City & Cty. of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1178–79 (9th Cir. 2006).

The Court previously entered the parties' stipulated protective order. (Dkt. No. 59.) Respondent Panasonic Avionics Corporation designated the deposition testimony at issue as "Attorneys' Eyes Only" pursuant to the protective order. (Dkt. Nos. 71.) Having reviewed the deposition testimony at issue, the Court agrees that it contains sensitive information that falls within the scope of the protective order entered by the Court. (Dkt. Nos. 59, 72.) Thus, a compelling reason to seal exists that overcomes the presumption of public access to the

1 deposition testimony at issue.

2 For the foregoing reasons, Petitioner's motion to seal (Dkt. No. 71) is GRANTED. The  
3 Clerk is DIRECTED to maintain Docket Number 72 under seal.

4 DATED this 22nd day of January 2019.

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